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1. The Chinese are making a major effort to pull it all together domestically. Since the fall of the "Gang of Four" (Madame Mao) in October 1976 they have filled all of their provincial slots save one (Hunan). And in this case Chairman Hua himself [redacted] probably runs the province. In addition, the Chinese are convening a meeting of all provincial leaders in Peking (see attached report) and have restricted travel to Peking because of overcrowding. An important conference on industry has been scheduled for May.

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2. If these preliminary moves are successfully completed, we can expect major national meetings such as a party congress this summer. Outstanding problems such as filling politburo vacancies and the rehabilitation of Teng Hsiao-ping should then be resolved and China will have greater confidence in dealing with foreign affairs.

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